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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
ATTN: Docketing Department
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Dear Members of the PSC of SC,

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This letter is to request that the members of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina not approve the request from Carolina Water Services, Inc for an increase in sewer and water rates.

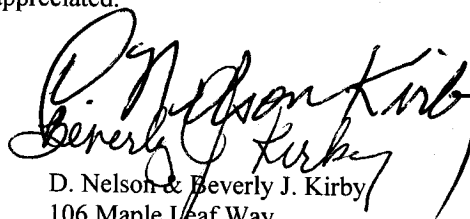
We are homeowners in the Maple Grove Sub-Division, Maple Road, Lexington, SC. Residence in this Sub-Division receive water and sewer services from Carolina Water Services, Inc. Everyone I have talked to felt that we were being overcharged for these services from the beginning. This is a relatively new subdivision with homes ranging from 1 to 3 years old. We felt that the raise in rates last year was not justified. Now another raise is being requested. We have not gotten over the shock of the raise last year. The sewer rate alone started at \$28.86 per month and went to \$36.46 per month last year and recently went to \$37.76 with no explanation. This raise amounted to 31 percent. Now a request is being made to increase the sewer rate to \$42.40. This amounts to an additional 12 percent. Water distribution charges and city water supply charges have also increased and a new request has been submitted to further increase these rates. Some in the sub-division are choosing not to water their plants and grass because of the tremendous amount charged for the water and sewer service.

If Carolina Water Services, Inc. cannot provide adequate water and sewer service to us at the current rate, maybe they would agree to let West Columbia take over this service since they are already supplying the water. We feel that if West Columbia provided our water and sewer service the cost would be substantially lower than the current rate being charged by Carolina Water Services, Inc.

If the rate increases requested be approved, it will not be uncommon for water bills to be \$200.00 some months during the summer.

Your favorable action to not approve aforementioned request for water and sewer rate increases by Carolina Water Services Inc. will be very much appreciated.

Thank you,


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